

REMARKS

First, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courteous Interview in connection with the prior parent application filed under serial no. 09/296,159, of which this application is a continuation.

The application filed serial number 09/296,159 is pending and not abandoned. However, due to the unforeseen delays in the Patent Office due to the events related to September 11, 2001, in order not to abandon the Applicants' subject matter of prior application serial no. 09/296,159, this continuation application is filed herein.

In connection with the above identified continuation application, Applicants cancel Claims 1-32 and substitute new Claims 33-61.

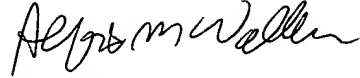
A terminal disclaimer is filed herein with respect to Applicant's earlier patent nos. 5,741,139, 5,915,970 and 5,919,044.

In view of the foregoing, it is urged that the pending Claims 33-61 in their present form should be allowed. These Claims are the same as in a Rule 116 Amendment filed under serial no. 09/296,159, which Claims have not yet been allowed in connection with the Final Office Action of May 22, 2001.

The Examiner should call the undersigned in the event other changes are required to obtain allowance of the application.

A favorable action is solicited.

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